Minutes George Creek Water User's Meeting

The annual meeting of the Division of Water Rights and the George Creek Water User's was held April 6, 1971, at 11 a.m. in the Yost Ward of the LDS Church.

Dee C. Hansen of the Division of Water Rights made a few brief opening remarks. There was some discussion as to the amount of snow pack on the mountains, and it was concluded from the discussion that this would probably be a good water year. After this discussion the meeting was turned over to Yale Montgomery, Chairman of the George Creek Water User's Association, and he proceeded with the agenda.

Chairman Montgomery asked for the reading of the 1970 minutes; these were read by Darwin Thompson. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes, so they stood approved as read.

Chairman Montgomery asked Dee Hansen if he would give a financial report. After the financial report was read there was a motion by Wallace Spencer; and seconded by Kenneth Richins that the financial report be approved as read. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Montgomery then ask for a Water Commissioner report, in the absence of Rollo Kimber, Commissioner for the 1970 season, Dee Hensen of the Division of Water Rights, discussed some of the items contained in the report. Following the discussion of the summary report Kenneth Richins made a motion that since the 1969 report was not completed at the 1970 meeting, that his motion would include approval of both the 1969 and 1970 report. This was seconded by Darwin Thompson and the motion passed.

At this point in the meeting there was some discussion as to the necessity of measuring devises. Mr. Hansen asked if the George Creek Water User's Association would like the measure devises ordered, installed. After some discussion it was decided that if an order were issued that the water users would not be able to obtain cost-sharing from the Federal Government for the installation of the measuring devises. Thomas Teeter made a motion that the measuring devises not be ordered for at least one more year, so that the various people involved would have an opportunity to install the measuring devises and receive cost-sharing from the Federal Government. Mr. Teeter also made as part of his motion, that the cost of the measuring devices should be shared by those using the particular ditch and not by the whole system. A motion was seconded by Collin Booth and passed.

The next item of business was the appointment of a Water Commissioner, since Rollo Kimber had moved to Grouse Creek and would not be available for the coming year. Mr. Teeter said that he would be a Water Commissioner if they would raise the salary an additional \$200. After some discussion it was determined that the group did not wish to raise the commissioner's salary, the commissioner's job was therefore, open for nominations. Wallace Spencer made a motion that Michael C. Spencer be hired as the Water Commissioner for the 1971 season, however, he requested that Darwin Thompson be hired by Michael for a training period; until Michael could learn the proper distribution of the system. Kenneth Richins seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The next item of business was the setting of the 1971 budget. This was set as follows: Commissioner's Contractual Services \$1400.00, Bonds and Insurance Premiums \$15.00 and Miscellaneous Expenses \$10.00.

Total 1971 budget was set at \$1425 and it was decided to assess \$1400 against the water users. The remaining \$25 was to come from association reserves. Wallace Spencer made a motion that the budget be approved as set, Darwin Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

There was some discussion about changing the officers of the Water User's Association, however, after a vote was taken it was determined to retain the same officers of the George Creek Water User's Association; these are: Yale Montgomery, President, Wallace Spencer, Vice President and Darwin Thompson, Secretary.

Following is a list of those members in attendance:

Wallace B. Spencer Yale Montgomery Michael O. Spencer Cleo Teeter J. E. Taylor Thomas Teeter Boyd Taylor Collin Booth Kenneth Richins Darwin Thompson Dee C. Hansen